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SUBJECT: ECONOMIC BOYCOTTS

1. AS EMB AWARE, NUMBER OF BILLS HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED IN CONGRESS WHICH WOULD PROHIBIT ANY ACTIVITIES BY PRIVATE AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN WHICH FURTHER ECONOMIC BOYCOTTS AGAINST COUNTRIES WITH WHOM U.S. HAS FRIENDLY RELATIONS OR WHICH DISCRIMINATE AGAINST PERSONS ON BASIS OF RELIGION, ETHNIC ORIGIN, ETC. LAWS WOULD BE ENFORCE-ABLE BY SEVERE PENAL SANCTIONS AND SUBSTANTIAL CIVIL DAMAGES.

2. THOUGH BILLS ARE OBVIOUSLY AIMED AT ARAB BOYCOTT OF ISRAEL AND ALLEGED ATTENDANT DISCRIMINATION, DEPT HAS RECEIVED INFORMATION (OF UNCERTAIN ACCURACY) FROM INTERNATIONAL BANKING SOURCES THAT ISRAEL ALSO HAS CERTAIN LAWS AND REGULATIONS WHICH MIGHT BE VIEWED AS PRIMARY BOYCOTT MEASURES. THESE INCLUDE ALLEGED PROHIBITION FOR ANY OVERSEAS ISRAELI BANK OR SUBSIDIARY TO ISSUE A
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LETTER OF CREDIT FOR THE SHIPMENT OF ANY GOODS TO ISRAEL

THROUGH ANY ARAB COUNTRY, ALLEGED BAN ON DIRECT IMPORTS
OF MANUFACTURED PRODUCTS FROM ANY ARAB COUNTRY INTO
ISRAEL, ALLEGED PROHIBITION ON INCLUSION OF ANY ARAB
MANUFACTURED COMPONENTS IN PRODUCTS EXPORTED TO ISRAEL
FROM NON-ARAB COUNTRY.

3. DEPT WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY INFORMATION EMB CAN
PRODUCE, INCLUDING COPIES OF LAWS OR REGULATIONS, RELE-
VANT TO ABOVE-DESCRIBED, OR RELATED, ALLEGED TRADE
RESTRICTIONS. DEPT WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN ANY
ISRAELI LAWS, REGULATIONS OR GOVERNMENT SANCTIONED
PRACTICES OR CONTRACTS WHICH PROVIDE BASIS FOR ANY DIS-
CRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT BETWEEN RESIDENTS OF ISRAEL
ON RELIGIOUS, ETHNIC, NATIONAL OR OTHER GROUNDS. KISSINGER

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